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Subject: Sediment Work Plan North Coast Rivers

Dear Rebecca:

I am writing on behalf of Russian River Watershed Protection Committee, a nonprofit organization that has been providing commentary to the Regional Board on water quality issues since 1980. We represent about 1500 property owners, business people, tourists, and recreationists who greatly value the Russian River and want to see it remain a healthy and viable ecosystem.

I am writing in support of Alan Levine's comments on the Sediment Work Plan for North Coast Rivers. I regret that my work load has been so heavy that I am not able to offer my own comments, but I have read Alan's work and I totally agree with his perspective on this issue.

I am greatly concerned about the nutrient issue in the Laguna and am reading a new study now developed by scientists on nutrient contamination in that area. The Laguna is currently suffering from very low dissolved oxygen, much of which can be blamed on nutrient laden sediments that create conditions that favor proliferation of invasive Ludwigia. It is clear that these impairments are all interrelated and things are deteriorating fast. Time is of the essence. We can no longer afford to keep waiting on taking action. Just as they talk about the "tipping point" with global warming, I believe that we are rapidly approaching the water quality tipping point where all these impairments converge to create one disastrous problem.

Please keep me informed on this issue.

Sincerely,

Brenda Adelman

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